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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF EDUCATION PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO

U.S. VISIT

- 1. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO INDICATES HE WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER PARTICIPATING AS PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO GRITO CELEBRATION. HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO ARRIVE D.C. SEPTEMBER 18 OR 19 BUT CAN ONLY REMAIN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21.
- 2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING A MEETING WITH SEC. CALIFANO BECAUSE OF HIS EXTREMELY HEAVY SCHEDULE. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE PROBLEM, I URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE THIS MEETING, IN VIEW OF THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH SECRETARIES IN BILINGUAL EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS, EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.
- 3. SINCE WE HAVE INVITED SECRETARY MUNOZ LEDO TO COME TO THE U.S., I AM ANXIOUS THAT HIS VISIT BE AS FRUITFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BENEFICIAL AS POSSIBLE AND A MEETING WITH SECRETARY CALIFANO IS VIRTUALLY ESSENTIAL IN THIS REGARD.

4. SECRETARY MUNOZ LEDO'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS JORGE ALBERTO LOZOYA HAS INDICATED THAT SHOULD A MEETING WITH SEC. CALIFANO BE IMPOSSIBLE, SEC. MUNOZ LEDO WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD CANCEL HIS WASHINGTON

VISIT. THIS WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF THE NEW OPENNESS AND SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH WHICH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF EDUCATION IS DEVELOPING.

5. I URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO MAKE ROOM FOR SECRETARY MUNOZ LEDO IN SECRETARY CALIFANO'S BUSY SCHEDULE AND THAT ALL CONCERNED BE CLEARLY AWARE OF THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS VISIT. LUCEY

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